

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the RELATED APPLICATION section beginning on page 1, line 8, and continuing through page 1, line 12, with the following:

This application is related to the following applications, both of which are filed on the same day and assigned to the same assignee as the present application:

“Versioned Project Data” – serial no. _____, ~~<Attorney Docket 777.337US1>~~
09/717,587, (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-0560) and

“Project Branching” – serial no. _____, ~~<Attorney Docket 777.336US1>~~
09/717,723 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-0557).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 17 through page 12, line 2, with the following paragraph:

In the above described systems and methods, versioning of project data has been described. In addition to versioning, the project data can be also be branched. In one embodiment, this is accomplished by including the versioned project data in a set of changes associated with a project branch. A project branch typically occurs when one or more source code files undergo two parallel streams of modifications. For example, one branch may be a continuation of the development process by a first developer, while a second branch is created to allow a bug to be fixed by a second developer. In order to allow the two developers to work on the same file or files simultaneously, a copy of the source exists in each branch. Each developer works on his or her own copy without the need to worry about changes the other developer may be making. The independent changes can be merged back into a single branch at a later time if desired. A second example is a “release” of a project. A release typically comprises a set of particular versions of source code files. A first release will contain a set of files at particular versions, while a second and subsequent release can contain the same set of files, however some of the files will be at different version levels. Further details on the operation of branching are presented in the cofiled, copending United

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incorporated by reference herein.